Right now, it appears to be a monopoly! There is no other offering other than much slower DSL or Wireless here in San Diego. Cox cable has the "gold" so to speak, and is enforced by SD city govt. via. the token of the good old "FRANCHISE".... How about treating cable and fiber optics running in our city streets just like the water and sewer service!!! The govt. should "own" the infrastructure, thus providing it as a standard of living to all houses along a street. Then companies can "rent or lease" space on the "pipes" to deliver desired information (water, data, phone, sewer, electricty, etc) to our homes... you know, things we CAN NOT GO TO THE MALL AND SHOP COMPETITIVLY FOR because we can't carry them home in a paper bag! Please look at government owned infrastructure as the wave of the future, oh by the way, you can dump the post office in the process!